



Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

Reporting on the pan-European Qualitative Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management

A special request is related to any foreseen changes related to policies, institutions and instruments until December 2014. Please select the button to provide such information.

Yes No

COUNTRY: Romania

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PART I: Policies for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

A1. National forest programmes (NFP) or similar and related forest policies

NFP or similar process for forest related dialogue, policy development & implementation

Existence of NFP process or of similar process

Formal NFP process
 Process explicitly guided by the FOREST EUROPE NFP principles
 Similar process
 Other. Please specify:

Name of NFP or similar process: Name: National Forest Program
 Internet Link: http://mmediu.ro/file/Program_Forestier_National-2005.pdf Starting year: 2005

Main formal decision making body of the process

Body with members other than Ministry responsible for forestry
 Ministry responsible for forestry
 Similar process
 Other. Please specify:

Significant changes related to the NFP process or similar

Yes No

If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max. 100 words]

since 2011

Key lessons learned on the NFP process or similar

Please specify [max. 100 words], particularly on the NFP principles related to NFP as iterative process, stakeholder participation and approaches to inter-sectoral coordination and collaboration:

Comments on the NFP or similar process

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents when relevant:

Main Forest policy document (national forest programme document, forest policy statement, strategy or other)**Existence of forest policy document (other than law)**Yes No **Title of main forest policy document and internet links**

Name: National Forest Strategy 2014-2023
Internet Link: Not available yet

Forest policy document development process

- formal NFP process or process explicitly guided by NFP principles
 process similar to NFP or other process

Name of endorsing/authorizing/enacting institution of the main forest policy document

- Parliament
 Council of Ministers or similar
 Minister responsible for forestry
 Forestry Department or similar
 Other. Please specify:

Date of endorsement / authorization / enactment

Evaluation of policy implementation

- Periodically, pre-specified in the NFP document
 Periodically, but not pre-specified
 Not specified, not planned
 Other

Is there explicit reference to FOREST EUROPE instruments in the forest policy document?

- | | |
|---|---|
| FOREST EUROPE definition of SFM | Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE criteria and indicators for SFM | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE guidelines for NFPs | Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land | Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management | Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation | Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

If the responsibility for forest policy is decentralized:

Existence of formally endorsed subnational forest policy document(s)

Yes No Yes No **Significant changes related to main forest policy document since 2011**

If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max. 100 words]:

The reason of changes occurred is the need to update the forest policy document according to actual forest policy needs and challenges at national and European level. Changes are related to correlation of the forest sector with connected policies like environment, agriculture and rural development, energy, education and tourism. Also adaptation and formulation of new objectives took place.

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

Comments on the main forest policy document

The overall objective is to ensure sustainable management of the forest sector in order to increase quality of life and to ensure the present and future needs of society in the European context. The expected impact of NFS is social (creating new jobs), institutional (strengthening control capacity), on policy (reducing political interference by competitive management criteria), legislative (less bureaucratic rules governing the system), environmental (increase by 10 000 ha/year of forest area), fiscal (increasing the value of sales in the sector in terms of reduction of black wood market share) and economic (increased access to forest by 6500

Policy objectives by policy area

Policy areas

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Improving the information system for monitoring the forest land in accordance with the requirements of general cadastre. Establishment of pilot areas to achieve information system for monitoring the forest land in order to extend it at national level Afforestation of 50,000 ha of degraded lands unsuitable for agriculture First afforestation of 50,000 ha of agricultural and non-agricultural land Establishment of 10,000 ha of shelterbelts as part of the national system.

B1. Land use and forest area

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Improving the information system for monitoring the forest land in accordance with the requirements of general cadastre. Establishment of pilot areas to achieve information system for monitoring the forest land in order to extend it at national level The reason is to improve land use management

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Increase the contribution of forests to mitigate climate change effects Selection and promotion of resistant/adapted biotypes of trees to climate change and expanding their use in forest regeneration works in exposed areas.

B2. Carbon balance

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Selection and promotion of resistant/adapted biotypes of trees to climate change and expanding their use in forest regeneration works in exposed areas.

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Develop and implement a unified national information system to provide information on the production, control, trade and transfer of forest reproductive material Improvement and development of permanent monitoring system of forest health state. Optimizing compositions of afforestation in relation to site conditions and/or climate change

B3. Health and vitality

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Develop and implement a unified national information system to provide information on the production, control, trade and transfer of forest reproductive material Optimizing compositions of afforestation in relation to site conditions and/or climate change The reason is to improve health and vitality of forest ecosystems and their adaptation to climate change

B4. Production and use of wood

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Identify and promote necessary mechanisms and means for sustainable use of wood resources, including the use of biomass from forestry activities for green energy. Developing a national system of presentation for all forest products subject to trade. Increase at minimum of 7 meters per hectare the road density index in order to improve the accessibility of the forest.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Identify and promote necessary mechanisms and means for sustainable use of wood resources, including the use of biomass from forestry activities for green energy. Developing a national system of presentation for all forest products subject to trade. The reasons are to improve the use of wood resources in general and to extend the use of wood biomass for green energy

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Developing a national system of presentation for all forest products subject to trade Quantification of the protection functions and ecosystem services value and identification of their beneficiaries. Granting compensatory payments for protective functions

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Developing a national system of presentation for all forest products subject to trade Quantification of the protection functions and ecosystem services value and identification of their beneficiaries. The reasons are to improve the use of non-wood resources on the one hand and to ensure sustainable management of private protective forests.

B6. Biodiversity

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Protecting and improving biodiversity of forest ecosystems Protecting biological diversity of forest ecosystems, of forests with natural and quasi natural structures Identification and conservation of virgin and quasi virgin forests, riparian forests, rare, threatened and endangered forest habitats. Conservation of marginal habitats, wetlands located on land covered by forest vegetation and conservation of protected, with high extinction risk or vulnerable species.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

B7. Protective forests

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Quantification of the protection functions and ecosystem services value and identification of their beneficiaries. Granting compensatory payments for protective functions

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Quantification of the protection functions and ecosystem services value and identification of their beneficiaries. The reason is to ensure sustainable management of private protective forests.

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

B8. Economic viability

Identification and implementation of measures to prevent illegal logging

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

B10. Public awareness and participation

Public relation campaigns for awareness of Romanian forest. Creating a separate budget chapter for activities concerning promotion of forestry related measures, like good practice guides, Planting Tree Day etc. Improving the transparency of decision-making in the forestry field by permanent public communication and media.

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Creating a separate budget chapter for activities concerning promotion of forestry related measures, like good practice guides, Planting Tree Day etc. The reason is to improve public awareness and participation

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

B11. Research, training and education

Strategic Objective 6: Improving and developing educational activities, research - development and innovation in the forestry sector. Strengthen and streamline forest research-development and scientific innovation in the institutionalized capacities and growth of their contribution to the sector. Linking research themes and indicators with the real needs of the forestry sector and making them compatible. Consistent dissemination and popularization of the results obtained from R & D activities and innovation.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:

Key measures and lessons learnt per policy area

Policy areas	Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011	Key lessons learnt
	If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]	Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.
B1. Land use and forest area	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>If yes, please specify</p> <p>Supporting expansion of forest by forest plantations and forest belts/windbreaks " resulting in 2724 ha forest expansion during 2011-2013. Research projects have been developed on topics like environmental protection in areas with increased risk of degradation - outside the forest land - by installing forest vegetation, efficiency in tending operations carried out in stands on degraded lands, using Geomatics technology (remote sensing, photogrammetry and digital GIS) for studying and sustainable management of forest ecosystems and development of methods to detect forest vegetation cover change by remote sensing methods.</p>	<p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
B2. Carbon balance	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Carbon sequestration by afforestation, including by Kyoto Protocol facilities; Several research projects have been developed: " The terrestrial Carbon cycle under climate variability and Extremes- a Pan-European Synthesis "Greenhouse gas management in European land use systems "Study under Forest Focus regulation on developing harmonized methods for assessing carbon sequestration in European forests " Analysis of the factors that determine the emission and absorption of greenhouse gas emissions from the forestry sector "Assessing carbon stocks in forest soils main types of Romania and their distribution in relation to their diversity</p>	<p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
B3. Health and vitality	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Research projects: " Effects of air pollution and climate change on forest ecosystems in Retezat National Park " Monitoring forest ecosystems in the pan-European intensive and auxological networks " Dynamics and control of harmful insects populations in the context of environmental factors changes " Monitoring, prevention and control of forest diseases caused by invasive species " Favourability of hardwood forests of Romania for mass multiplication of the main species of defoliator insects " Control of pathogens in the context of climate change " Dieback of stands of pine, beech, oak, ash etc. - causative factors and management methods</p>	<p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Research projects: "Increasing biomass production with fast-growing tree species in short-rotation</p>	

B4. Production and use of wood

forestry: impact of species and clone selection and socio-economic impacts

- Research on beech wood quality in older stands, in order to quantify more accurately the volume of industrial wood
- Research to improve the production of timber and wood quality on some conifers species
- Regeneration technologies by planting seedlings with root protected in large schemes, using sheet mulching without further tending
- Care and management of seed orchard in order to stimulate fruiting
- Production and use of poplar big slips

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services

Several research projects have been developed:

- Culture of micoritic forest species for the production of truffles
- Environmental impact study on the harvesting of berries from spontaneous forest flora
- Environmental impact study on the harvesting of edible mushrooms from spontaneous forest flora
- Environmental impact study on the harvesting of medicinal plants from spontaneous forest flora

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B6. Biodiversity

Research projects:

- The assessment, management and monitoring of genetic diversity and resources in seed orchards "in situ" using molecular genetic markers
- Assessment of biodiversity in representative forest protected areas, as a benchmark for sustainable management of tree planted stands
- Research on the genetic variability of several tree species, tested in multisite cultures, under environmental factors change
- Assessment of fir tree genetic resources in Romania for their conservation and use in forestry practice.
- Monitoring the conservation status of the bear population in the Curvature Carpathians and Western Carpathians.

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B7. Protective forests

Research projects:

- Conservative management of 4070 and 9260 habitats of ROSCI0129 North of Western Gorj
- Study on characterization and creation of GIS databases for the state owned forest managed by National Administration of Forests - Romsilva in Natura 2000 sites and natural reserves located in custody.
- Establish management measures for forest habitats included in Natura 2000 sites
- Ecological solutions to prevent and combat torrential processes in small basins, predominantly forested, in the Cozia and Buila-Vânturari National Parks

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B8. Economic viability

Study:

- Operationalization of natural capital and ecosystem services: from concept to practical application

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B10. Public awareness and participation

Campaigns for education, information and public awareness, some of them under the annual

- Planting

Tree Month, International Day Year of Forests, including tree-planting and other community-level events.

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

B11. Research, training and education

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

Forest Research and Management Planning Institute - through various research programs: The National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation (IDEAS programs, Human Resources, Skills, Bilateral) Core Programme PN 0946 - "Sustainable management of forest ecosystems in the context of global environmental change"/GEDEFOR coordinated MEDCT (ANCS) Program for granting technical and science literature Research - development and technical assistance programs funded by the National Forest Administration - Romsilva. Several projects Within EU FP7 and LIFE +, (Trees4future, GHG Europe ENVEUROPE, For-marsh, Northwest, Open Ness)

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

Regardless of the legal nature of ownership (public or private), forest management plans set as protected surrounding forests of important cultural and spiritual values, historic sites or forests established as nature reserves landscape reserves, protecting nature monuments, ancient forests, pristine and near pristine of great value forests. Underlying functional zoning, forest management plans include specific provisions for the forests assigned with such protection functions.

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

Comments

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

PART II: Overall institutional frameworks and by policy area

A2. Institutional frameworks

	Please specify the type of forest-related institutional arrangements	Part of Ministry	Sub-national ministries or bodies	Other body. Please specify
	- forest policy administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- legislative supervision & enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- support to private forest management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- management of public forests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other. Please specify:			
Government bodies	Please specify the level of main responsibility	Central government	Subnational governments	Other. (please specify in comments below)
	- administering forest policy development and implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- legislative supervision & enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- support to private forest management

- management of public forests

Comments [max. 100 words]

Management of public forests is carried out on the one hand by the National Administration of Forests "Romsilva", in charge with the administration of state owned forests and on the other hand by forest districts set up by public local administrations "Cities and Communes", for the forest area owned by such local public administrations.

Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests

Name or group/type ¹ : Forest-related staff ² (2013, Full time equivalent)

Total [estimate] 17 623

...of which forest administration ³ 426

...of which management of public forests 17 017

...of which public forest research, education and training institutions 180

... of which others

Yes No

Significant changes in the institutional framework, public and private, since 2011

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

Within the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change a Minister Delegated coordinates the activities in the fields of water, forests and pisciculture (Government Decision no. 48/2013). The Department of Waters, Forests and Pisciculture is organized and operates as a specialized body of the central public administration, with legal personality in the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, acting as the central public authority in the areas of waters, forests and pisciculture (Government Decision no. 428/2013). The reason was to improve the coordination in the fields mentioned.

Comments

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.

"Forest administration" includes staff from the Department for Waters, Forests and Pisciculture and the 9 Forestry Regime and Hunting Territorial Inspectorates "subordinated structures of the ministry. "Management of public forests" includes: - the staff from the National Administration of Forests "Romsilva" (in charge with the management of state owned forests, carrying out public and commercial services with forestry specific and it is financially autonomous); - the staff estimated to work in the Public Local Regies, set up by the public local administrations "Cities and Communes, for the forests owned by them

Institutional frameworks per policy area

Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011

B1. Land use and forest area

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B2. Carbon balance

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B3. Health and vitality

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B4. Production and use of wood Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B6. Biodiversity Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B7. Protective forests Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B8. Economic viability Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health) Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B10. Public awareness and participation Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B11. Research, training and education Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B12. Cultural and spiritual values Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Comments Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

PART III: Overall legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments and by policy area

A3. Legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments

Legal/regulatory frameworks

General characteristics of legal/regulatory framework: formal authority on main forest matters is laid down... [multiple answers possible]

- in constitution at central government level
 in legislation enacted by parliament at federal level
 in administrative decrees / regulations only other

Other:

Main forest and SFM related legal/regulatory act with national scope (e.g. Forest law, act or code)

Name and reference to legal document

Law 46/2008 Forest Code

Main changes from previous legal act

â€¢Principles of SFM â€¢New chapters on biodiversity conservation; integrity of the forest land; research; awareness; increase forest accessing; â€¢ Unified regulations for public and private forest property; â€¢ Forest expansion and support sustainable management of private forests and forests owned by administrative units; â€¢Obligation for forest owners to ensure forest management by forest districts (managed by forestry staff); â€¢More severe sanctions, including imprisonment, according to criminal law, from 2 to 7 years (increased by half if the acts were committed in certain circumstances).

Date of enactment

27.03.2008

Date of latest amendment

01.02.2014

Are the following FOREST EUROPE instruments explicitly referred to in the [national?] legal/regulatory framework?

FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM

Yes/fully No



FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM



Other



Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

International commitments

Significant initiatives undertaken since 2011 in implementation of international commitments related to forests signed by your country

Yes No

If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]

*Collaboration for the preparation of the Strategic Action Plan for the implementation of the Protocol on sustainable forest management under Framework Convention on the protection and sustainable Development of the Carpathians *Drafting and approval of the National Strategy and Action Plan for biodiversity conservation 2014-2020 *Periodic Reporting

Comments

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

Legal/regulatory frameworks per policy area

Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011

B1. Land use and forest area Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B2. Carbon balance Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B3. Health and vitality Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B4. Production and use of wood Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
Government Decision no. 470/2014 approving the Norms concerning the origin, movement and marketing of timber, storage space regime of timber and round wood processing facilities and measures for implementing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B6. Biodiversity Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
Government Decision no. 1081/2013 approving the National Strategy and Action Plan for biodiversity conservation 2014-2020

B7. Protective forests Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B8. Economic viability Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health) Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B10. Public awareness and participation Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B11. Research, training and education Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:

PART IV: Overall financial instruments/economic policy and by policy area

A4. Financial instruments and economic policy

Economic policy

Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of publicly owned forests

â€¢Rehabilitation of existing forest roads that carry the timber and development accessibility of national forest fund â€¢Promoting forest certification in the national forest fund in order to increase economic and ecological potential of forests; â€¢Promoting the use and turning to profit of wood products and services provided by forest ecosystems â€¢Ensuring proper market conditions by reducing illicit produced timber from the economic circuit;

Main characteristics of economic policy related to forests

Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of privately owned forests or other

â€¢Rehabilitation of existing forest roads that carry the timber and development accessibility of national forest fund â€¢Promoting forest certification in the national forest fund in order to increase economic and ecological potential of forests; â€¢Promoting the use and turning to profit of wood products and services provided by forest ecosystems â€¢Ensuring proper market conditions by reducing illicit produced timber from the economic circuit;

Significant changes in economic policy related to forests (public and private) since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

Comments

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.

Financial instruments

State/federal forest management, act or code)

Please specify financial arrangements related to state-owned forests and their management [max. 100 words]

- Profit/financially self-sufficient forest management
- Additional financial support from government to forest management
- Other. Please specify

Please specify the use of financial instruments for private forests and their management, incl. main objectives [max. 100 words]. *For the EU Member States, please specify apart from the EU Rural Development Programme Funds.*

- Grants/subsidies. Please elaborate:

The Forest Code: - forest administration for private forest owners - individuals and legal persons, if the forest area â‰¥ 30 ha; - income compensation for loss due to restrictions required by protection functions of forests, according to forest management plan; - pest control works for private forest

owners - individuals and legal persons, if the forest area is ≥ 30 ha; - restoration of forests and forest transportation ways affected by natural hazards or forest fires with unknown author, if the conservation and regeneration fund set up at the forest district level can not cover the expenditures; - supporting forest owners associations

Tax measures. Please elaborate:

The forest Code stipulates that forests, other than publicly state owned, designated in Functional Group I by forest management plans (forests with special protection function of water, soil, climate and national interest objectives, recreation forests, forest protecting eco-fund and genetic fund and forests in protected areas of national interest) and those aged up to 20 years are exempt from taxes.

**Government financial instruments:
private forest management**

Incentives. Please elaborate:

Public funds. Please elaborate:

In order to support forest expansion, public funds are used for afforestation and establishment of forest belts/windbreaks on private land and also for maintenance of respective plantations up to canopy closure. Financial instruments have been developed in this respect - Land reclamation fund, allocations from the state budget, Environment Fund (Environmental Quality Improvement Program through afforestation of degraded agricultural land).

Investment support. Please elaborate:

Loans. Please elaborate:

Other. Please specify:

The following forestry measures in the National Rural Development Programme 2007-2013, under REGULATION (EC) No 1698/2005 on rural development (EAFRD), have been implemented: 122 "Improving the economic value of forests; 123 "Adding value to agricultural and forestry products; 125 "Improving and developing infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry; 142 "Setting up of producer groups and 221 "First afforestation of agricultural land.

Yes No

**Significant changes in financial
instruments related to forests since
2011**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Year:	Domestic funding (mil€)	External funding ⁴ (mil€)	Total (mil€)
Operational expenditure	26,650	6,799	33,450
Transfer payments (support to private forest management)	0,495	0,000	0,495
Total public expenditure	27,145	6,799	33,945

For forest administration

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For management of public forests

33,450

For public forest research, education and training institutions

3,060

Of which...

For other institutions. Please specify:

Operational expenditure doesn't include expenditure on: personnel; materials; operating costs and capital investment (e.g. buildings, equipment, tools, vehicles and machinery) "Public expenditure "For public forest research,

If transfer payments are made for forest management and conservation, indicate for what specific objective(s) - Please tick all that apply.

- Reforestation
- Afforestation
- Forest inventory and/or planning
- Conservation of forest biodiversity
- Protection, of soil and water
- Forest stand improvement
- Establishment or maintenance of protected areas
- Other

Please specify the allocation of total public expenditures among the six criteria

	Estimate of resources %
C1. Forest resources and carbon	20,6
C2. Health and vitality	0,0
C3. Productive functions	0,0
C4. Biodiversity	9,0
C5. Protective functions	70,4
C6. Socio-economic functions	0,0

Note: the total must be 100 %

Comments and lessons learnt

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

Financial instruments per policy area

Significant changes in financial instruments since 2011

B1. Land use and forest area

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B2. Carbon balance

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B3. Health and vitality

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B4. Production and use of wood

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B6. Biodiversity Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B7. Protective forests Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B8. Economic viability Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health) Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B10. Public awareness and participation Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B11. Research, training and education Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B12. Cultural and spiritual values Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Comments Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

PART V: Overall informational means and by policy area

A5. Informational means

Is there public access to forest inventory data ?

Yes No

If yes, please specify:

<http://roifn.ro/site/>

Does a written (governmental) forest-related outreach and communication strategy exist?

Main characteristics of informational meansYes No

If yes, please provide reference: [max. 100 words]

http://www.forestier.ro/files/664_prezentare1.pdf

Does a national report on the status of sustainable forest management exist?

Yes No

If yes, please provide reference/link: [max. 100 words]

http://www.mmediu.ro/paduri/management_forestier/2011-11-18_management_forestier_stareapadurilor2010.pdf Latest reports will be available after finishing site construction of the Department**Significant changes in informational means / forest related communication since 2011****Informational means**Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

Forest related communication Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

Comments

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